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X LETTER MAILGRAM TELEGRAM DATED: NOV 27 78

TO: PRESIDENT CARTER

FROM: [redacted] E.B.C.

SUBJECT: [redacted] IN GUYANA. REQUESTS SEARCH FOR MORE SURVIVORS CONTINUE.

RESPONSE:

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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:

PAMELA ZINN

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

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November 27, 1978

President Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter in regards to the terrible tragedy in Guyana with the People's Temple Cult. I am sure that I speak on behalf of all concerned relatives.

The manner in which this is being handled is terrible. It seems that no one really cares that lives have been lost, innocent children killed. How can life be compared in dollars and cents in something as tragic as this. I tried to get help for [redacted] but no one seemed to care. Some lives could have been saved had some action been taken.

We cannot even find out if our loved ones are living or dead. The search for more survivors have been stopped. Our country does not even want to see to it that the victims have a decent burial. Now the load is being pushed on the families who tried to get help. Many relatives simply do not have the money it takes to get a proper burial considering most of us had at least four loved ones in Guyana.

Surely, our country will handle this in a better way, if [redacted] are gone nothing in this world can replace them but as I write this letter I'm hoping and praying that they are alive.

Mr President, please see to it that every step is taken to find survivors and that families are notified soon if their loved ones are gone and that they can get at least a proper burial in Delaware if so desired, as that would make it so much easier on the families concerned, we have suffered so much.

Thank you, I feel that you will do what you can to help.

My relatives missing are:

[redacted]

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